

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing January 2014 as
Cervical Cancer Awareness Month.

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Whereas, Many women are unaware of cervical cancer and the steps that can be taken to prevent this disease;

Whereas, Approximately 250 women are diagnosed each year and every three days a woman dies of cervical cancer in Indiana;

Whereas, Mortality from cervical cancer is associated with being diagnosed at a later stage, which often stems from poor access to preventive services and a lack of understanding about following up or care after an abnormal finding;

Whereas, Indiana's HPV vaccination rate is 46th out of 50 states and only half of the rates of top states; and

Whereas, Awareness of cervical cancer, its risk factors, and the importance of access to preventive measures, including regular Pap test and the HPV vaccination, are critical to perpetuating the continual decrease of the incidence of cervical cancer in woman: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the
2 recognition of January as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month in the



- 1 hope that this recognition will encourage prompt access to preventive
- 2 services and high-quality medical care and treatment in order to
- 3 overcome existing barriers to care for all women.

